



Cleavers Communique

May 2024

Thank you

Prayer Corner

May 2-4

BQF annual meeting

May - August

Cleavers Sabbatical.

Please pray for God's leading during this time away.

June-August

Youth Challenge

camping season

June 17-20 Fortress

Camp (Highschool)

June 21 Rock Camp

(k-2 grade)

June 23-28 RFK

camp

July 1-3 Refuge Camp

(2-4 grade)

July 8-11 Strength

Camp (5-8 grade)

August

Bible quizzing promo

Thank you for encouraging us this past month with your prayers and financial support. We are so grateful for all of you who tirelessly give of yourselves to us and this ministry which God has called us to.

We just returned from the Bible Quiz Fellowship National Tournament in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Our team placed 21 out of 42 teams. Not exactly where we expected but the team was a blessing to coach. The top individual quizzier was from our team, Nathan Rosen. He had an 80.7 average over the course of three days of quizzing which is amazing. The next closest at the tournament was in the 60's.

Congratulations to Nathan and our team Witness! Thank you for making this aspect of our ministry possible. Bible quizzing has been a great asset to us over the years as we are "Building the truth of God's word into the lives of America's youth."

The next chapter

This year is our 35th serving here at Youth Challenge. During this time Sonja and I have not taken time away for a Sabbatical and over the last few years it has taken its toll on us, especially me. It became apparent over the last several months that I needed a break. Our board of directors agreed and have granted us a 90 day Sabbatical starting the middle of May. I am sure that you have many questions and I would love to answer them. Feel free to call me at the number below before May 11th and I would love to talk with you.

No, we are not retiring or leaving the ministry. The board and staff will be taking on our responsibilities while we are gone. We are looking forward to many years of ministry ahead and this time away will help us prepare for them. We will be seeking God's leading during this time and are praying for a wonderful time of refreshing and renewal with Him.

We will still be needing your support during this time. We will still be in contact with you through Youth Challenge each month both with our snail mail letters and digitally. We are looking forward to returning in August with renewed vision, strength and joy for the years ahead.

Thank you for standing with us over the years and we look forward to partnering with you in the years ahead.

Serving our Lord Jesus Christ alongside you, Rick and Sonja

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